2023 Engineers’ Week

The Great Paper Airplane Contest

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After an extended hiatus due to COVID-19, AIAA GHS was thrilled to team with the University of Alabama-Huntsville (UAH) AIAA Student Branch to host The Great Paper Airplane Contest, an event traditionally organized for Engineers’ week to introduce K-12 students to the aerospace world. The event was held on Feb. 24, 2023, at the UAH campus in the Exhibit Hall of the Conference Training Center.

The competition was open to all ages. Participants built paper airplanes and competed in the categories of Aerobatics, Time of Flight, Distance, Accuracy, and Artistic. Ribbons and AIAA swag were awarded to the first, second, and third place winners of the competition categories for the different age groups.

To view photos taken at the event, please visit AIAA GHS Treasurer Alan Lowrey’s Flicker photo album. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the event – we hope you had a high-flying, fun time! This is the 24th time AIAA GHS has held this event.

Thank you to AIAA GHS member Veronica Rodriguez for her excellent leadership of this year’s event, and thank you to the following volunteers: Rob Adams, Andrew Baumgartner, Amy Goddard, Mike Goetz, Jaiden Green, Paul Heumphreus, Linda Krause, Amber Porteous, Mikaylah Pratt, Terry Reese, Jordan Reynolds, Keith Rivers, Jalil Rudolph, Ian Slamen, BreZhané Walker, and Melvin Written. A special shout-out to the AIAA student members from UAH and Alabama A&M University who assisted.

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